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1. (S) Chief, SNLM, Colonel Banov, this morning requested a conference with my Chief of Staff, which request was granted. Meeting between Banov and General Baker was held here at 1100 hours. Only matters brought by Banov were details regarding General Yakubovskiy's visit to Heidelberg on 8 August. No mention was made of Yakubovskiy's protest reference alleged air traffic violations or any other controversial questions, nor was there any indication that Yakubovskiy had any intention of not making the visit. On the contrary, the tenor on Banov's comments and questions was that Yakubovskiy definitely did intend to be here on the 8th.

2. (S) Banov stated that he had just returned from Wuenedor; that Yakubovskiy had gone over the proposed schedule for his visit personally and in detail and that he was well pleased with it. He said Yakubovskiy had only one change he would like to propose and hoped that I would not feel that he was ungrateful of my hospitality because of it. The change was that after the dinner and entertainment here on the evening of the 8th, Yakubovskiy would like to go on back to Frankfurt and spend the night there at the SNLM compound rather than staying here at our Patriok Henry Village transient billets.

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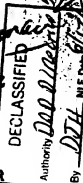
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Our proposed schedule would then pick up again on the 9th for his return to East Germany. General Baker informed Banov that the question of where the Yakubovskiy party spent the night was up to Yakubovskiy; that we would be pleased to have the party stay here, but could understand Yakubovskiy's desire to stay at the mission and that we would modify our proposed itinerary accordingly. Banov was profuse in his expressions of thanks for all we were doing to make the visit a successful one.

3. (S) Other matters discussed were of minor importance except one. Colonel Banov asked if the FRG flag would be flying alongside the US flag here at Campbell Barracks at the time of Yakubovskiy's visit, or more specifically during the rendering of honors to General Yakubovskiy, and mention the fact that the Soviets did not display the GDR flag when I visited Wunsdorf. General Baker replied that it was, as Banov knew, customary with US to fly the flag of the country in which our troops were stationed at our major headquarters and posts in that country, implying that the FRG would be flown as usual. The matter was dropped there, but as Banov was leaving, he asked that he be informed specifically whether the FRG flag would be flown during the honor guard ceremony.

4. (S) Regarding the flag question, I intend to have Banov informed that the FRG flag will be flown at my headquarters on 8 August as on every other day of the year and that the Soviet flag will be appropriately displayed at the reviewing stand during the ceremony honoring General Yakubovskiy in the same manner as the national flag of other foreign dignitaries who visit me are similarly honored. SCP-4.

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